

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 have been examined. Aside from objections due to minor informalities of the claims, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-6 contain allowable subject matter.

#### **I. Preliminary Matters**

The Examiner has returned the SB/08 form for the July 6, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement. However, while the Examiner initialed all of the foreign documents, the Examiner did not initial the two U.S. patent documents. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of the U.S. documents by initialing the remaining two documents of the SB/08 form attached to the present Office Action.

Turning to the claims, the Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 2 for various informalities and antecedent basis issues. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims in the specific manner proposed by the Examiner.

#### **II. Allowable Subject Matters**

As set forth above, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-6 contain allowable subject matter. In view of the amendments of the claims, Applicant submits that claims 1-6 are now in condition for allowance.

#### **III. Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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